

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain air-bag mounted in a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle having at least one side window opening with a lower edge, the inflatable curtain comprising[[,]] the inflatable curtain being mounted in position above the side window opening and defining a lower edge region including an inflatable curtain lower edge, the inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells that generally extend vertically and being configured so that, when inflated, at least ~~two-thirds~~ a portion of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain extends beneath the lower edge of the side window opening, ~~the inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells~~ and wherein a forward part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a first anchoring point and a rear part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a second anchoring point, the inflatable cells being configured so that, when inflated, a virtual line of tension is created between the anchoring points above the lower edge of the side window, the inflatable cells extending from at least the virtual line of tension to below the lower edge of the side window opening to support the inflatable curtain across the side window opening.

2. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 1 wherein, when inflated, the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain[[,]] and the side window opening lower edge is between 40 and 100 millimetres.

3. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 1 wherein when inflated the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain and the side window opening lower edge is between 50 and 60 millimetres.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim [[4]] 1 wherein the inflatable cells are configured so that the longitudinal axis of each cell is substantially perpendicular to the line of tension at least beneath the line of tension.

6. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim [[4]] 1 wherein a tensioning unit is provided at one of the anchoring points to apply tension to part of the inflatable curtain.

7. (Previously Presented) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 6 wherein the said part of the inflatable curtain is a strap extending from an inflatable region of the inflatable curtain to the tensioning unit.

8. (Previously Presented) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 1 wherein the inflatable curtain further forms a re-entrant slot in the lower edge thereof, the slot being substantially in alignment with a structural post of the vehicle.

9. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain air-bag mounted in a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle having at least one side window opening with a lower

edge, the inflatable curtain comprising[[,]] the inflatable curtain being mounted in [[a]] position above the side window opening and defining defining a lower edge region region including an inflatable curtain lower edge, the inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells that generally extend vertically and being configured so that, when inflated, the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain extends beneath the lower edge of the side window opening, the inflatable curtain defining a plurality of inflatable cells and wherein a forward part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a first anchoring point and a rear part of the inflatable curtain is secured to the vehicle at a second anchoring point, the inflatable cells being configured so that, when inflated, a virtual line of tension is created between the anchoring points above the lower edge of the side window, the inflatable cells extending from at least the virtual line of tension to below the lower edge of the side window opening to support the inflatable curtain across the side window opening.

10. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein, when inflated, the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain, and the side window opening lower edge is between 40 and 100 millimetres.

11. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein when inflated the degree of overlap of the lower edge region of the inflatable curtain and the side window opening lower edge is between 50 and 60 millimetres.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim [[12]] 9 wherein the inflatable cells are configured so that the longitudinal axis of each cell is substantially perpendicular to the line of tension at least beneath the line of tension.

14. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim [[12]] 9 wherein a tensioning unit is provided at one of the anchoring points to apply tension to part of the inflatable curtain.

15. (Currently Amended) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 14 wherein the part of the inflatable curtain is a strap extending from an inflatable region of the inflatable curtain to the tensioning unit.

16. (Previously Presented) An inflatable curtain according to Claim 9 wherein the inflatable curtain further forms a re-entrant slot in the lower edge thereof, the slot being substantially in alignment with a structural post of the vehicle.